

**REMARKS**

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. Claims 1-23 were originally presented. By this amendment, claims 6, 8, 9, 11, and 15 have been canceled. These claims were allowed in the parent case. Claims 5, 7, 17, and 19 have been amended to correct certain informalities. The Abstract has been amended to change its terminology. Claims 1, 22, and 23 have been amended to clarify that the length of the belt adjacent the print path is "selectively adjustable within a range", rather than merely having two positions. No new matter has been added.

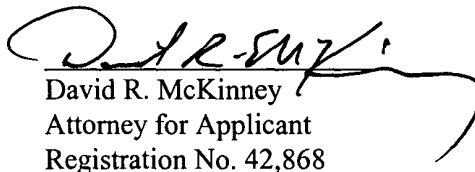
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner examine claims 1-5, 7, 10, 12-14, and 16-23 on the merits. If any issues arise that could be resolved during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney, or Vaughn W. North at (801) 566-6633, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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